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CLADDING FOR COPPER SURFACE PROTECTION

## **REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

The following remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 23, 2006. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.